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Dear ~~Manuel~~

W. will talk about points we have gone over

Everything is moving forward in preparations, as Manuel has undoubtedly discussed with you. The forthcoming flights for getting needed items in position are all arranged. I am anxious to know how you have fared on your return to the area and the results of your reentry into the official picture there. Also I am anxious to know the identities of persons discussed between you and Don Ricardo.

Certain portions of your submission of March budget are difficult to understand in the light of our previous conversations. Where we are agreed that we must recontact the key military men one-by-one initially, and that the contact should be by graduates of the leader and command and staff training, estimated expenditures for Guatemala seem unusual. I am asking Juan Jose to discuss this with you in order to ascertain who the men are that you have in mind. Keep in mind our initial attitude of cautious approach to old friends.

When you discuss this with Juan Jose, please identify the persons to whom the money is to go, if you still feel the money should be sent in. I will discuss it with Juan Jose once he understands your reasoning and if we and the group are together in mind then, will make additional money to you available.

Again, the movement of two hundred and fifty men into Nicaragua is a puzzle to me. Note the breakdown of training personnel in the attached list and indicate where the misunderstanding in numbers lies.

HONDURAS

1. Purchase of three vehicles: The purchase of these vehicles at this time is considered impractical in that it is understood six vehicles are available to the area and the majority of March activity is to be of recontact nature, staff work for personnel identification, and preparation for and receipt of materiel. Your present four 7-ton trucks should alleviate the heavy moving problem.

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4. Support and Organization and 5. General and unforeseen expenses:
- A. Care personnel being held awaiting assignment
(including commitments for care of families) 150 men @ \$45/man
 - B. Occupying three staging sites @ \$150/month/site
 - C. Rent three staging sites @ \$350/month/site

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info based on data given by Ricardo

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- D. Travel couriers on paramilitary missions
- E. Movement 13 sab recruits @ \$50/ea.
- F. Movement 30 leaders @ \$50/ea.
- G. Movement 14 communication trainees @ \$50. ea.
- H. Transportation expenses staging materiel @ .25/mile, 15 trips, 200 miles ea.
- I. Obtain mule train @ \$100/mule
- J. Personal expenses and unforeseen emergencies

The care of one hundred and fifty men should be itemized for Juan Jose by you for the group's benefit as soon as possible (in other words who are they, name, approximate age, present location, and what are they being used for) so that the overhead personnel can be identified separate from useable paramilitary personnel. Later, as soon as your staff can prepare the data, we will need occupational history, parents and kin, etc.

It is realized that a portion of the recruited personnel for paras 4 and 5, E., F., and G. are coming from Guatemala. Allowance for those families of the entire group of new recruits and other personnel with families still in Guatemala is lumped under the Guatemala heading.

GUATEMALA

- 8. Support and Organization:
 - A. Commitments to families of men now being held apart from families
 - B. Expenses incurred passing commitments to families

EL SALVADOR

- 12. Support and Organization:
 - A. Care personnel being held awaiting assignment (including commitments to families, etc.)
 - B. Care occupation intermediate storage point
 - C. Rent 1 finca
 - D. Occupation 3 fincas @ \$350
 - E. Transportation expenses, staging materiel .25/mile, 5 trips, 80 miles
 - F. Personal expenses, bribes, unforeseen emergencies

NICARAGUA

- 13. Feeding and Training:
 - A. Feed and care 33 PM $\frac{1}{2}$ month
 - B. Feed and care 7 communicators
 - C. Feed and care 14 overdue Sab recruits
 - D. Feed and care 30 leaders
 - E. Feed and care 13 overdue communicators
 - F. Feed and care 10 camp overhead

overall total

NICARAGUA (cont'd)

14. Transportation: Present panel truck and jeep only needed transportation. Panel truck should be traded immediately as Manuel will discuss with you.

15. Wages

16. No aviation expenditures March. Present plane under Big Brother's care and disposition instructions will be issued soon.

17. Doctor, medicines, etc.

18. Official charges what's it?

19. Office expenses - disposition to be discussed with Manuel

20. Traveling expenses

21. General expenses family (Sierra only)

23. The men mentioned in para 13 represent all men planned for movement to or trained in Nicaragua. For the expected 57 yet to arrive, allowance of \$50/ea. for movement is allowed.

paid this last month for same move.

The numerous receipts received have been appreciated by the Group, however, I have been informed that it is not their desire to impose heavy administrative burden on you by accounting for every cent you spend. Therefore it is believed adequate if you could simply provide a breakdown of expenses by the period. I suggest, and the Group approves, that you provide a ledger for the accounting period which hereafter will be every two weeks. This ledger or notebook would describe the purpose of the expenditure, date, and amount, and be forwarded through these channels under your alias signature. I believe this will help reduce your paper burden although it may mean keeping two such records simultaneously and for your safekeeping.

Where houses are being listed, explain their use and the personnel occupying them to Juan Jose.

Where vehicles are being cared for, identify them and the legal owner.

Where Salvadoran contacts are listed, identify them.

Once identification of the above is established, only additions or reductions need be noted.

Developments may alter the expenditures necessary during the latter portion of the month so that expenditures increase or decrease. Therefore, for paramilitary expenditures, one-half the above total is being sent 1 March.

while the remainder will be placed in your control 15 March, with necessary additions or reductions included.

One half available 1 March

In Tegucigalpa (for Honduras and El Salvador

In Managua (for Nicaragua)

Juan Jose will personally deliver to you the 1 March amount for Honduras and El Salvador.

Manuel or Alberto (commo trainer) will deliver to your liaison in Managua the 1 March amount for Nicaragua.

One-half available 15 March (plus or minus changes due to developments)

Andre will deliver the Honduras amount to you 15 March.

Manuel or Alberto will deliver the Nicaragua amount to your liaison in Managua.

It is hoped you are finding the recruiting going well for the thirty leaders, the remaining thirteen communications men, and the remaining Sab recruits. The trainers have reported very satisfactory attitude and capability of those thus far.

Remember that to light the light on the lighthouse we have to build a firm tower starting with the first bricks.